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To the attention of Examiner James Sean Hogan
Group art unit 3752

Re: Inventor: COURTEMANCHE, Alain
US Patent Application serial No. 10/799.697
filed on 15 March 2004
Group Art Unit: 3752
O/ref.: 005170-0017

Dear Mr. Hogan,

We need your help in the above-identified application.

On March 10, 2005, you sent us a first Office Action requesting a plurality of minor corrections in the drawings.

On April 21, 2005, we filed a response to this Action. However, we made a misprint in the identification of the serial number of the application which we identified by serial number "10/779,697" instead of --10/799,697--.

On October 3, 2005, we received a Notice of abandonment, because we failed to timely filed the proper reply to the Office Action mailed on March 10, 2005.

It is worth noting that before we got this Notice of abandonment, you called us in order to ask whether we actually had filed some response to your Action. At that time, we answer yes but were not aware of the misprint that probably explains why the above-identified application has become abandoned.

On October 12, 2005, we sent a letter to the USPTO, requesting reinstatement of the application while explaining how come the application has become abandoned.

Since that time, we have not get any answer. It is worth noting that a copy of our Amendment was enclosed with the Request filed on October 12, 2005.

When we filed our Request for Reinstatement, we did not pay the reinstatement fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. 1.18(f) code 1456, since we were under the impression that inasmuch as our Amendment was actually filed in time, it should be considered as acceptable and no reinstatement fee should actually be paid. If such is not the case and this statutory fee had absolutely to be paid, we hereby give the USPTO the authorization to charge fee onto the deposit account no. 16-1640 of my firm. We thank you in advance for your collaboration in this particular case, which is of the most important for our client.

Of course, if you have any comments on your own on the above, you may contact the undersigned patent agent at the telephone number and/or email address given below.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. ORLHAC', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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